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## CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

The Willard W. C. T. U. will meet at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening at 901 Prince street.

Charles E. Corbett, this city, who is with the A. E. F. in France, writes that he is getting along very well.

Mr. E. E. Downham, this city, has been elected representative to the Imperial Council of Acca Temple for the twenty-first consecutive time.

John W. Allison, of Co. M., 147 Engineers, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, has been mustered out of service and returned to his home in this city.

Mr. W. L. Rammel who was recently injured in an automobile accident is rapidly recovering and expects to be able to leave the Camp Humphreys Hospital soon.

Enroll in the Red Cross before Saturday. The campaign will end Saturday. Remember that there will be no other calls for money by this organization.

J. E. Black, of the Y. M. C. A. Camp Humphreys, Va., last night delivered an interesting address in Norton Memorial Hall on life in the trenches. Mr. Black has served nine months overseas.

Invitations have been issued for a dance which will be given Friday evening December 20, by the members of the Quartermaster's Corps Camp Humphreys, Va., in the auditorium of the War Camp Community Service Club.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Ethel May Meade daughter of Mrs. Mary Meade, and Mr. H. D. Hadlock which took place last Saturday at the parsonage of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Rev. L. F. Kelly, assistant pastor, officiating.

Private Paul I. Paige of the 317 aerodrome squadron, who has been with the American Expeditionary Forces in England, has returned from overseas and been mustered out of the service and returned to his home in North Patrick street.

Sparks from a chimney set fire to the shingle roof of a house on Alfred street between Queen and Princess streets early this afternoon. The blaze was subdued by chemical extinguishers before much damage was done.

Private Willis Barnes, now stationed at Camp Humphreys, and Miss Ethel Spangler, were married on November 14 by the Rev. Dr. E. V. Regester, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Private Barnes and his bride are both from St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Quinn, of Roanoke, Va., have announced the marriage on November 30 last, of their daughter, Genevieve, to Lieut. John Black Whitton, of Salem, Virginia, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Whitton, of this city. Lieut. and Mrs. Whitton are now at home in Roanoke, after having spent the past two weeks in New York city.

The Gazette is in receipt of the most handsome and artistic calendars of the season sent out by R. S. Cochran, The Plains, Va. The subject of the calendar is "The Spirit of the Night" which is a new personification of the old Indian story sung by the camp fires of the nations through unknown ages.

## VILLA RAIDS RANCH

Carries off all Stock, Clothing and Foodstuffs.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Villa bandits raided the ranch of an American John B. Hibler, at Galera in northern Mexico, December 9, according to a report to the State Department. No one was killed.

The raiders numbered 25 men, and were under General Eulalia Gutierrez. They took besides clothing, most of the corn at the ranch, the entire store of feed and 26 burros, 16 oxen, four carts, 300 goats, and all the cattle, horses and mules.

## WEDDING AT GRACE CHURCH

Miss Dearborn, Army Nurse, Bride of Lieut. Charles Du Bois.

The marriage of Miss Arline E. Hall Dearborn of Michigan, and First Lieut. Charles F. Du Bois, took place Monday afternoon at Grace P. E. Church, Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector, officiating. The bride was attired in a traveling suit of brown broadcloth and wore a corsage bouquet of baby pink rosebuds.

She was attended by Miss Ida B. Ault, of the army nurse corps, stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga., where the bride was recently in the government service in that capacity.

The bridegroom had for his best man, Sergt. James J. Brennan, stationed at Washington, D. C.

The couple will reside at 1019 Cameron street, while Lieut. Du Bois is located here. At present he is commanding officer of the medical detachment to the quartermaster's corps.

## SLUMP TO SUCCEED MARTIN

To be Elected Republican National Committeeman From Virginia

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Representative Bascom Slump, the only Republican member of Congress from Virginia, will be elected Republican National Committeeman from that State to succeed the late Alva H. Martin when the Republican State Committee meets December 21. It was announced here yesterday. Mr. Slump will resign the State chairmanship of Virginia in order to accept the berth on the National Committee. Republican leaders in Washington say they are at sea as to who will be elected State chairman to succeed Mr. Slump. The Republicans desire to make a more aggressive national campaign in Virginia in 1920.

## ICELAND TO BE FREE

Copenhagen, Dec. 18.—Iceland, which is about to become an equal partner in a Danish-Icelandic federal union instead of remaining a dependency of Denmark, was colonized by Norwegian chiefs in the ninth century as a republic, conquered by Norway after and from the fourteenth century was a Danish province. Iceland got a Parliament in 1874 as a result of her urge for independence.

Last year came the separation movement, which has resulted in the will to make Iceland a sovereign state in federation with Denmark and with a judge on the Supreme Court Bench of Denmark until such time as she may desire a Supreme Court of her own.

## BUTTER SOLD AS LUBRICANT

Profiteers Thus Evaded Food Regulations in Germany

The Hague, Dec. 18.—Butter sold as a lubricant was the way the profiteers evaded the food regulations in the German States. Food regulations had placed a maximum price on the sale of butter, but the rich found a way round it. No limit had been placed on lubricating material by the Government, and as a result those with money were able to obtain all the butter they wanted at fabulous prices, buying it as lubricating material.

## SECRETARY GLASS PRESIDES

Hears McAdoo's Plea For Aid For Railroads

Washington, Dec. 18.—Secretary Glass presided for the first time at the Treasury yesterday over a meeting of the War Finance Corporation to discuss with Director-General McAdoo the question of lending financial aid to railroads, instead of having all money for maintenance and betterment come from the Railroad Administration's \$500,000,000 revolving fund.

A tentative decision to extend the aid is understood to have been reached, but Secretary Glass said after the meeting that any announcement now would be premature.

## WALLACE REID TONIGHT

Wallace Reid's admirers like to see him in different situations. Why? Because they always realize that he will get the better of the situations and come out with flying colors. Most of his recent picture successes have presented him as a young man who had to overcome large-sized obstacles. His latest picture, "Too Many Millions," which is the bill at the Richmond Theatre tonight, is no exception to the rule, although it is quite different in development from any picture Mr. Reid has ever done.

## HOLD SPECIAL MEETING

Common Council Acts on \$15,000 Loan to Complete Improvements at Gas Works—Revision of Health Laws—Other Matters Presented.

A special meeting of the common council was held last night for the purpose of considering an amendment to the city health laws and a loan of \$15,000 to the city gas works and other matters.

An ordinance to amend and reenact sections 1 and 4 of an ordinance relative to the revision of the city health laws and sanitary department, approved July 29, 1912, adopted by Common Council December 10, 1918, was returned by the Aldermen and non-concurred in, that board having passed a substitute ordinance December 13, 1918. Council then concurred in the action of the Aldermen.

Resolution to make additional loan of \$15,000 to complete improvements at the city gas works and council concurred in the action of the Aldermen in the matter in adopting the resolution.

Resolution appropriating \$400 to construct hand and guard rails on Hunting Creek bridge was adopted.

A resolution requesting the light committee to take charge of the gas lighting in Rosemont was referred to the light committee with request to take immediate action.

Resolution appropriating \$350 to purchase vitrified paving blocks was referred to Street Committee.

Petition of Alexandria Amusement Company to arrange for seats in new theatre was referred to street committee.

Resolution of Councilman Ruber hat bond of deputy health officer paid by city was referred to finance committee.

Resolution of Councilman McCaffrey to install telephone in room of Chief of Police Goods was referred to police and finance committees.

Letter from Mayor Fisher in reference to bills due the city was referred to finance committee.

Communication from Dr. R. P. Sandridge, city health officer, enclosing a statement of bills amounting to \$1,046.06 for laboratory supplies furnished Dr. W. L. Wood was referred to joint committee on health and finance.

Petition of W. K. Williams to make improvements to 208 North Payne street was referred to street committee.

## RESOLUTIONS

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—The American Jewish Congress is on record today as favoring a Jewish commonwealth in Palestine under the trusteeship of Great Britain, acting on behalf of a league of nations.

After a resolution to this effect had been adopted amid wild acclaim, the 100 delegates, representing more than 3,000,000 Jews in this country, rose and sang the Hatikvah, the Jewish anthem, followed by "The Star Spangled Banner."

## WINS HUNGER STRIKE

BUT LOSES HIS LIFE.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Van Skedon, 22, serving a year's sentence at the house of correction as a draft evader, won his hunger strike today, but lost his life.

Skedon was sentenced on August 7 in conviction of failure to register under the selective service act. Early this month he went on a "hunger strike," and for sixteen days refused nourishment. He died early today.

## LENIENT IN WHISKEY TRIALS

Defendants Acquitted When Liquor Was for Personal Use

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Persons arrested on the charge of violating the military zone dry law are being released by Judge Hardison whenever they show their liquor was for personal use.

The jurist refuses to be bound by technicalities when convinced that the defendant was not violating the spirit of the law.

This was demonstrated yesterday when Peter Whiting, a sixty-year-old negro teamster of Herndon, Va., was dismissed after Assistant United States Attorney Given had asked for a conviction because Whiting was carrying more whiskey into Virginia for personal use than the law of that state allowed.

Attorney Given contended that a Whiting intended to violate the Virginia law he was carrying his six quarts of whiskey through the barred zone for an unlawful purpose, and, therefore, violating the zone law.

Judge Hardison ruled that as the "unlawful purpose" specified in the zone law meant the sale or barter of liquor, Whiting had no intention of violating the law which was intended to protect the soldiers at Camp Meigs and therefore dismissed him.

## ITALIANS HAVE NO CAKE

Strict Rationing Still Necessary to Avoid Serious Trouble.

There will be no cake or candy in Italy for the holidays and no receding or relaxing of the food restrictions, because the need of the food by the people is great.

Conditions are critical, compelling the furnishing of food from the outside for some time to come if trouble due to hunger and sacrifices is to be avoided. This is made clear in an interview on the conditions in Italy with a member of the Italian Cabinet, Silvio Crispi, who, as Minister of Food Control and Provisioning, is conferring with Herbert Hoover. Lord Reading and others for the purpose of solving the problem. In the past America and the other Allies have given much help, but they must do more because of the alarming condition prevailing now.

## KARL'S BROTHER PICKED

Austrian Monarchists Turn to Archduke Maximilian.

Copenhagen, Dec. 18.—At a monarchist meeting in Vienna Monday, which was attended by a number of generals, Archduke Maximilian, brother of former Emperor Charles, was nominated as the successor to the Crown. The socialists, a dispatch from Vienna adds, intend to take sharp measures against the monarchists.

## BRYAN HAS PLAN

Washington Agog Over Nebraskan's Visit—Southern Senators Urged to Vote

Washington, Dec. 18.—William Jennings Bryan came to Washington yesterday and spent three busy hours in conferences with a number of Senators and Representatives, to whom he offered suggestions for the solution of the tangled railroad and telephone-telegraph problems now confronting Congress. He also talked to several Democratic Senators from the South, whom he urged to vote for the women suffrage amendment to the Federal Constitution so that it can be submitted to the States without further delay.

No visit of Mr. Bryan's to the capital since he retired as Secretary of State has created as keen interest as his call yesterday. The whole capital was agog over it. Members of the House and the Senate, with whom he talked, at first declined to make public the object of his conferences, but later they told of his mission. Mr. Bryan himself refused to make a statement.

## NEW CONGRESS

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## PLANS FOR TOURISTS

France to Erect Portable Hotels on Battle Fields.

Paris, Dec. 18.—As soon as transportation facilities permit, France expects to be invaded by hundreds of thousands of sightseers who will want to visit the battle fields.

Already the Touring Club de France has made arrangements with the different ministerial departments to facilitate traveling, and plans have been prepared to erect large portable hotels on the battle fields.

Visits to the northern battle fields will be conducted through the British.

## 649,000 GERMANS KILLED

Berlin, Dec. 17.—The total Germans killed in the war was, officially, announced today as 649,000.

## JOIN NOW IS SLOGAN

Red Cross Campaign Yields 668 Members up to Noon—Only Three More Days to Enroll—Solicitors Meet Tonight at Chamber of Commerce.

Up to noon today the Red Cross had secured a total of 668 Christmas enrollments.

Only three more days remain in which to enroll. If you have not contributed to this worthy cause the price of the enrollment which is One Dollar for a year's dues, do so at once. If you have been absent when the solicitor called go to any bank or store where the booths are, or at the Chamber of Commerce and those in charge will be only too glad to enroll you as a member of the greatest organization of mercy existing today in the world. You should remember that there will be no more drives and all that is asked is a year's dues which, as stated above, is One Dollar.

There is no person too poor to enroll in the Red Cross and there is not a patriotic citizen who would refuse membership in this organization. There is no person who is not familiar with the wonderful work done by this organization during the great world war for the boys over there as well as at home to say nothing of the splendid work done by this organization at home during fires, earthquakes, epidemics and other catastrophes that occur in our country.

A meeting of all the Red Cross workers will be held at 8 o'clock tonight in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce when the captains of the various teams in the drive will make their reports of the work accomplished thus far.

Following the meeting an entertainment will be provided for the workmen. All who are engaged in the drive are urged to attend.

Those engaged in the task of enrolling members report they have met with success at almost every home visited. In view of the fact that only three more days remain in which to accomplish the big task all persons are urged to come forward with their subscriptions without further delay, especially persons who have not been at their homes when the solicitors called.

Alexandria aspires to reach a membership of 6,000 and all of those engaged in the task are giving their time and energy to make this campaign a success, many of them at a great personal sacrifice, and they certainly should have the hearty co-operation of every citizen.

The lives of thousands of our soldier boys on the battlefield who were injured were saved through the splendid work of the Red Cross. This alone should be sufficient to make every citizen of Alexandria contribute their mite. Funds are needed now just as much as if the war were in progress. This should be borne in mind by every citizen who is called upon to enroll.

## ADMIRAL PRAISES RED CROSS

Admiral Sims, commanding the American naval forces in European waters, has sent the following message of appreciation of the work of the American Red Cross to the War Council of that organization:

"I have often heard people say, 'why is it necessary to care for sick and wounded soldiers and sailors through an organization like the American Red Cross?' Why does not the government take charge of the work? The fact of the matter is the government is not capable, of doing it the way the Red Cross does. All government activity, particularly this work, is governed by rules and regulations and an auditor. All these rules and regulations are made with a view to what is likely to happen, but all needs cannot be foreseen.

"When an emergency turns up we sometimes have not the facilities—sometimes not the legal authority to do all we ought to do. The Red Cross man is like a combination of the President of the United States, the Cabinet and both houses of Congress. He can make law as quick as you can write a check. The emblem of the Red Cross is two small pieces of red tape laid neatly across each other. But so far as I know this is the only bit of red tape they've got. They can do things unhampered by rules or regulations. When our men are sick or wounded we need quick action, unhampered and free, that's where the Red Cross comes in.

"Disasters like the Otranta show

## YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE

These Papers Will be Kept as Historical Records in the War Department and Placed in Vaults and Sealed.

All questionnaires which have been filled out and returned to local draft boards are to be as historical records in War Department vaults here.

Practically every man in the United States between the ages of eighteen and forty-five has filled out one of these blank forms, thereby placing himself at the service of the Government in the past emergency. The only exceptions are those near the age limit of forty-five, who were the last to receive questionnaires. Those which were not filled out before the armistice was signed have been returned to the provost marshal's office.

All questionnaires are to be sealed and kept for reference, it was stated today. Chief among the uses to which they will be put are:

Will be used in connection with other data to aid War Risk Insurance Bureau in checking up on soldiers due to receive allotments for injury or service.

Will provide a record for men eligible to enter organizations similar to the Sons of the Revolution and the G. A. R., which will undoubtedly be formed after the soldiers have returned home.

The questionnaires will not be used to keep the Government informed as to the occupation, earning capacity, or character of registered men, it was pointed out. Nothing of this sort is or has been contemplated by the Government.

Reports have been circulated at various times since the selective service act was put into effect that the information gained through the filling out of the questionnaires would be used to public advantage. This will be impossible, it was stated at the provost marshal's office, because the records are to be sealed and only opened at the request of the person whose record is in question.

## HELD ON U-BOAT 60 DAYS

Hun Crew Enjoyed Piracy and Were Sorry When War Ended

New York, Dec. 18.—The life of pirates suited the officers and crew of the U K-152 so well that they were disappointed when the armistice was signed.

This statement was made by Lieut. Junius H. Fulcher, U. S. N., of Norfolk, Va., who arrived here yesterday on the Cunarder Caronia. He and Lieut. Frank L. Muller, U. S. N., of Oakland, Cal., were prisoners aboard the U K-152 when hostilities ceased.

Fulcher and Muller were captured when the United States freighter Ticonderoga was sunk in mid-Atlantic September 30.

Fulcher said the submarines lived unusually well on the supplies they took from their victims. They were all enthusiastic kaiserites and were bitterly opposed to the revolution.

After the sinking of the Ticonderoga the U K-152, which was a big submarine cruiser of the Deutschland type, came to the American coast. On October 11 the U K-152 and other submarines in these waters were ordered home. On their way back they sank the Norwegian bark Ständer and set her crew adrift in open boats, 1,000 miles from shore.

A British transport was encountered October 15. Sixty shots were fired at her before a British cruiser came up and dropped nine depth charges which exploded so close to the submarine that she was badly shaken. Two days later they fired 83 shots and a torpedo at a freighter, which fired back and forced them to submerge.

All submarines were called into Kiel on October 20. It was while rounding the north coast of Scotland that the U K-152 "listened in" on wireless reports of the American Congressional elections, in which the officers and crew seemed greatly interested.

On November 6 news of the revolution was received. This cast a blanket of gloom over the crew, which was deepened when the armistice was signed.

Fulcher and Muller were taken to Kiel, where they remained until the German submarines were surrendered. They went to Harwich with a fleet of 28.

Among the other passengers on the Caronia was Capt. Orrin G. Murfin, U. S. N., who had supervision of American mining operations in European waters. Most of the 60,000 mines which the Americans placed in the North Sea were assembled at a factory in Scotland built by Americans and operated by 1,000 special workmen from the United States, Murfin said.

## A "TEXAS STEER"

Those who enjoy scenes of the "wild and woolly west" should not fail to visit the Grand Theatre tonight. This is one of the most entertaining pictures of the stage when it comes to depicting western life in all its hair-raising scenes. The "Texas Steer" is a show that is interesting from start to finish and when one can see it for 10 cents it should never be missed. A sanitary theatre with plenty of room and guaranteed good behavior is sure to attract the public, as much so as the fine quality of pictures shown daily.

## KING GEORGE BREAKS ORDER

Drinks Champagne And Goes to Theatre When Armistice is Signed.

Until armistice week King George had not been inside a theatre since the outbreak of the war and had not partaken of intoxicants since 1915. On the night of the signing of the armistice he had champagne with his dinner and after perusing a long list of theatrical attractions he selected something lively—one of the most popular "Girl shows" which he seemed to enjoy.

## PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Ambrose C. Wyckoff has sold to Mrs. Ella F. Davis the three-story brick dwelling house on the north side of Prince street between St. Asaph and Pitt streets.

It is understood that Mrs. Davis will remodel the building into an apartment house.

Harry Parker and others have sold to George R. Turner a house and lot on the west side of Alfred between Gibbon and Franklin streets.

## MARRIED

Mrs. Mary Meade wishes to announce the marriage of her daughter, Ethel May, to Mr. H. D. Hadlock, which took place December 14, 1918, at St. Mary's parsonage, the Rev. L. F. Kelly, officiating. 299-11.

## FLAMES SWEEP

Thirteen Persons Missing After Conflagration in Canada.

Montreal, Canada, Dec. 18.—Thirteen persons are missing as the result of a fire that swept the tourist cars of the Winnipeg-Toronto train of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, according to an official announcement last night.

The fire occurred as the train was passing Bonheur station, 120 miles west of Fort Williams, and is believed to have been started by a berth curtain catching fire from a spirit lamp being used by a man and woman to heat food for their baby. All of the missing were passengers. Eight persons were rescued from the blazing cars.

## SUSPECT DISCHARGED

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 18.—Henry Candler, who was arrested last week under a warrant charging him with aiding and abetting Mabin T. Wright in the murder of Miss Rosa Farmer, has been discharged. Wright is to be a witness before the grand jury at Rustburg Wednesday when it meets to investigate the charge against Wright. Candler satisfied the county officers that he had no connection with the crime.